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Applicant submits herewith for filing, the following document:

- 1. A 2 page Form PTO 1449;
- 2. A 4 page Information Disclosure Statement;

- 3. Copies of cited references; and
- 4. A copy of the Preliminary Examination Report

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant is aware of the following references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, and encloses copies thereof.

## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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WO 94/12439 A1	06/09/1994	U.S.	Yes
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#### REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the documents listed in this Information Disclosure

Statement be considered by the Examiner in this patent application and made of record
therein

WO 00/23637 is not in the English language, but Applicant submits corresponding family patent US 6,379,517 B1.

The relevance of DE 19849278, CI, which is not in the English language, is referred to in the Applicant's specification, at page 6, line 25 - page 7, line 4, and this patent corresponds to U.S. family patent 6,379,517.

The relevance of FR 2189523, which is not in the English language, is that it was cited on the International Search Report as a category "Y" document, and referred to in the Preliminary Examination Report as mentioning "the possibility of further concentrating specific unwanted components (like nickel) resulting from the retentate of a reverse osmosis step by means of an ion exchanger and later on recycle the components into the bath. No concentrate circuit is disclosed."

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The relevance of DE 4310366, which is not in the English language is referred to in Applicant's specification at, page 4, line 16 - page 5, line 14.

The relevance of EP 0 787 829 A1, which is not in the English language is referred to in Applicant's specification, at page 5, line 15 - page 6, line 23.

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